Amendments to the Claims

1.   (currently amended) A method for configuring ~~an appliance~~ camera across a network, comprising:

receiving configuration instructions via an e-mail message including the instructions in command format received at the ~~appliance~~ camera; ~~and~~

extracting the configuration instructions from the e-mail message ~~without parsing~~; and

configuring the ~~appliance~~ according to the configuration instructions, wherein the configuration instructions cause the camera to perform one of either changing a direction the camera is pointing or panning/tilting/zooming.

2.   (currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the e-mail message is received at a mail server on the ~~appliance~~.

3.   (currently amended) The method of claim 2 wherein the mail server on the ~~appliance~~ communicates is one of the group comprised of: an IMAP server, and a SMTP server.

4.   (currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the method further comprises running a mail daemon from the ~~appliance~~ camera, wherein the ~~appliance~~ camera is always connected to the network and the daemon monitors electronic mail for the device.

5.   (currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the method further comprises connecting the ~~appliance~~ camera to the network to receive the e-mail message.

6.   (currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the e-mail message is received at a mail client on the camera ~~appliance~~.

7.   (currently amended) The method of claim 6 wherein the mail client on the ~~appliance~~ camera communicates with a mail server on the network.

8.   (withdrawn) A network appliance, comprising:

a connector operable to connect the appliance to a network; and

a mail recipient operable to receive electronic mail sent to the device.

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9.   (withdrawn) The appliance of claim 8, wherein the appliance further comprises a

parser operable to parse the electronic mail and extract configuration instructions from the

electronic mail.

10.   (withdrawn) The appliance of claim 8, wherein the mail recipient is a mail server.

11.   (withdrawn) The appliance of claim 8, wherein the connector is operable to provide a

persistent connection to the network.

12.   (withdrawn) The appliance of claim 8, wherein the mail recipient is a mail client.

13.   (withdrawn) The appliance of claim 8, wherein the connector is operable to connect

the appliance to the network occasionally.

14.   (currently amended) An article comprising a storage medium, the storage medium

having stored thereon instructions, that, when executed by a computing device, result in:

        reception of an electronic mail message by a network ~~appliance~~ camera;

        extraction of instructions from the electronic mail message ~~without parsing~~; and

        configuration of the ~~appliance~~ camera in accordance with the instructions contained in

the electronic mail wherein the configuration causes the camera to either change a direction

the camera is pointing or pan/tilt/zoom.

15.   (canceled)

16.   (canceled)

17.   (canceled)

Please add the following claims

18.   (new) A method for configuring a radio receiver across a network, comprising:

        receiving configuration instructions via an e-mail message including the instructions

in command format received at the receiver;

        extracting the configuration instructions from the e-mail message; and

configuring the radio according to the configuration instructions, wherein the configuration instructions cause the receiver to access data from a new uniform resource locator.

19.   (new) The method of claim 18 wherein the e-mail message is received at a mail server on the receiver.

20.   (new) The method of claim 19 wherein the mail server on the receiver communicates is one of the group comprised of: an IMAP server, and a SMTP server.

21.   (new) The method of claim 18 wherein the method further comprises running a mail daemon from the receiver, wherein the receiver is always connected to the network and the daemon monitors electronic mail for the device.

22.   (new) The method of claim 18 wherein the method further comprises connecting the receiver to the network to receive the e-mail message.

23.   (new) The method of claim 18 wherein the e-mail message is received at a mail client on the receiver.

24.   (new) The method of claim 23 wherein the mail client on the receiver communicates with a mail server on the network.

25.   (new) An article comprising a storage medium, the storage medium having stored thereon instructions, that, when executed by a computing device, result in:

reception of an electronic mail message by a network radio receiver;

extraction of instructions from the electronic mail message; and

configuration of the receiver in accordance with the instructions contained in the electronic mail wherein the configuration causes the receiver to change a uniform resource locator from which it accesses data.

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